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Experience Life As A Pioneer During March Break

By Mark Arike

Haliburton resident, Joan Brown, is taking things back in time to the pioneer days of 1908 with her hands-on workshops that will allow kids to have fun and learn at the same time.



During the week of March Break (March 10 - 14), Brown, with the assistance of her two daughters, niece and 13-year old granddaughter, will be teaching kids essential skills for everyday life, some of which include: cooking, sewing, baking and washing clothes by hand with homemade soap. She will also teach them how to bring out their more artsy sides with some of the other unique activities.

"They will learn how to write their name in calligraphy with real ink, build a house out of Popsicle sticks..." said Brown.

Brown herself has practiced canning her own pickles, making chili sauce and growing her own fruits. She says she finds a great amount of joy in being able to do everything from scratch.

"I'm a very creative person," said Brown, of her idea to make "Pioneer Days at Ma's Little House on Head Lake." "I want them to learn the pioneer necessities of life." She says that she has always loved the pioneer way of life and believes that it's a great way of uniting families.

"It keeps a very close relationship with families - especially when you have all day to prepare," she said of the necessary time spent on the crafts.

"These days, parents are working so much that when they get home they're too tired to do anything," she said. Instead of seeing the young generation spending so much time with their video game systems, or other electronic devices, Brown sees a void that many families should fill for some quality family time.

Most of the materials being used are antiques and have been collected by Brown and her husband of 37 years.

"We got married when I was 17...and we're still together!" said the nature-lover of her strong husband-wife relationship.

The week long, "hand-on" adventure, is being geared towards the 7 - 11 year-old age group and comes at a cost of \$175 for the week. This fee is going towards covering the cost of the homemade meals, crafts and the time Brown and her family helpers are devoting to the effort. The event, billed as "Something Totally Different for Kids," will be at the family's cabin located at 51 Bayshore Rd., in Haliburton. To sign up, give Joan a call at 457 - 5366.

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Eric Edwards Rides for The Kids



"At any given time, cancer holds 10,000 Canadian children in its grip. It robs them, and their families, of the laughter and joy that should be part of every childhood. Riding in the Sears National Kids Cancer Ride will channel your physical, mental and emotional energy into something much greater – helping brave children return to being regular kids again. With each kilometer pedaled, you will enrich the quality of life of Canadian children burdened with this devastating disease."
National Kids Cancer Ride Website.

By Terrance Gavan

If a journey of 10,000 miles starts with the first step.

How does a ride of 7,600 kilometers begin?

Well, in Eric Edwards' case, it begins with a preliminary journey of 10,000 kilometers.

That's about double the distance that Edwards plans to cover this spring as he hits the road on a journey sure to daunt even the most intrepid of hobby cyclists.

Training over 10,000 K is one of the mandates placed on Edwards as he prepares to embark upon a ride for the cure across Canada later this spring.

The Sears national Kids Cancer Ride stretches 7,600 kilometers from a beach in Vancouver to the coast of Halifax.

It's being billed as "the world's longest, greatest, most rewarding charity cycling adventure."

The website is unequivocal in stating its *raison d'être*..

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Because of the enormity of the ride – each cyclist will be doing in excess of 5000 kilometers – the ride's organizers have told each rider to put in a minimum of 10,000 kilometers in the saddle before they take off June 2.

"They don't want us dragging our butts, so they want to ensure that we're in shape and ready to take this on," says Edwards, who will be one of 60 riders in the First Annual National Kids Cancer Ride. "They want us to cover at least 10,000 kilometers before we start the race in June."

And that's why Eric Edwards is spending most of his free time this winter



cranking along an imaginary highway on his indoor cycling trainer. It's an odyssey that turns Edwards into an ersatz hamster, tripping madly on a cyclic trainer while catching up on Oprah or the Globe Sports pages. As the weather breezes into spring mode, he will be taking his training out on the roadways of Haliburton Highlands.

"This is some of the nicest cycling available in Ontario... Haliburton County is a great place to cycle. I can hardly wait to get back out there and off this training bike," says Edwards, whose passion for riding is evident even here at Sir Sam's Ski Area, where he and a bunch of his cycling cronies have taken a brief break from their cycles to chat with the crowd and accept pledges for Edwards' spring sojourn. Last Saturday, March 1st, the Bishop family graciously gave Edwards a spot in the Sir Sam's Ski Area lodge to set up a display booth and their five training cycles in order to generate monies toward the \$15,000 goal.

And what a day it turned out to be.

Edwards started out the day with a pledge base of \$1,000. By the time he dismounted and packed up his cycle for home, that total rose to \$5,000, thanks in large part to the support of the Kellett family and an unexpected lottery windfall. Mark and Cindy Kellett have a cottage abutting the Sir Sam's Ski Area. They spend a lot of their weekends up at the cottage skiing. Mark is CEO of K-Line Maintenance & Construction Limited and early in the morning he presented Edwards with a check of \$2,000 to the cause.

And that's good karma.

How do we know?

Because later in the afternoon Mark Kellett hit the jackpot in the annual Sir Sam's Challenge sweepstakes. Kellett's name was picked out of a cowboy hat making him the winner of the "Grand" prize in the annual Challenge draw. The \$1,000 check was in Kellett's hands for less than a minute: The time it took for him to walk the length of the lodge to present that windfall to the Kids Cancer Ride.

At the microphone while accepting his envelope, Kellett looked to the back of the room and said: "Look I don't know if those cyclists can hear me, but this check is headed their way."

Edwards and Kellett met about half way and Edwards was obviously a little non-plussed. "Thank you very much," was all Edwards could manage as the

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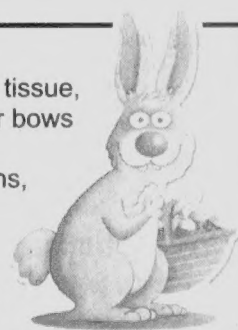
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Buttermilk Falls Resort

Spotlight

On Business

by George Farrell

New Owners for Landmark Establishment



John and Dale Rider are the new owners of Buttermilk Falls Resort, having taken over, in January, from previous owners Eric and Katie Christensen, and Patricia Bett.

The Riders are from Whitby. John worked as a General Manager of the Canadian arm of various American-owned medical equipment companies, while Dale was a recruiting 'headhunter' who also worked in sales and marketing.

Dale has been cottaging on Lake Kashagawigamog since she was very young. "My family is originally from up here," she says. "My grandmother is a Puffer, and my great uncle started Bryson's Marina and General store at the narrows of Kashagawigamog and Soyers Lake."

John and Dale have 4 children. Josh 23, is working at the Wigamog Inn, Sam 20, is currently in the armed forces in Edmonton. Jessica 13, and Mac 10, are both attending Archie Stouffer school in Minden.

Though the Riders had been thinking about a move for over 3 years, their plans were waylaid somewhat by the tornado of '06, which demolished their cottage. They had to rebuild it themselves with the help of neighbours and friends. The help they received just solidified their resolve to make a move to the country, and from there things started to fall into place.

With the four children at home, John and Dale had the added responsibility of looking after Dale's Mom, who also lived with them. But then sadly, Dale's Mom passed away, and Josh and Sam moved out to pursue lives of their own. Suddenly the family at home was reduced to a more manageable 4 people. Also added to the equation was the fact that a British company had bought out the company John was working for, and were putting their own people into key positions. "I was at a crossroads," John states, and the timing was just there. We were looking for a viable business in the county that would pay the bills, but we didn't want a business with a restaurant or staff. We've had a number of local advisors helping us to find what we were looking for, and we discovered

that the Christensen's were looking to move on, though they hadn't put the resort on the market."

"We met with them and we looked the place over," John continues. "It had that 'wow' factor. They had such pride of ownership, and they'd done a tremendous amount of work on the property. They were looking for someone to carry on their development concepts." The 'someone' turned out to be the Riders.

Although the Christensens are enjoying their retirement, and their new home in Haliburton, Eric still finds time to help John and Dale over the rough patches that all new owners experience. "He's introduced us to previous clients, and it's great to have a mentor guiding us," says John.



The Resort Amenities

The resort is located adjacent to Buttermilk Falls once part of an historic logging route.

"Originally the main building was built as a hotel," John reveals, admitting to a so-far sketchy knowledge of the history of the resort. In addition to the main building, which serves as a home for the Riders, and for the Christensens

before them, there are 8 housekeeping cottages, nicely snuggled into the woods, at the junction of the falls and Boshkung Lake. The 2 and 3 bedroom cottages all come equipped with full kitchens, living rooms and washrooms, and there's also a one-bedroom bunkie on the property, for emergency overflows.

"There's 370' of waterfront on Boshkung," John says, already proud of the property the couple took over in January of this year.

"There's a beautiful sandy beach, with a very gradual drop-off," Dale reveals, "and it's ideal for kids. There's also a kids playground."

The resort has canoes, kayaks, row boats, floating docks, a slide and a

trampoline for guests to enjoy. There's also 3 wood-fired hot tubs. All these amenities are inclusive, and there are many hiking, ATV and snowmobile trails in the area to explore. Minden and Haliburton villages are a short drive away, and there's an assortment of excellent restaurants nearby.

Though the couple has yet to see a summer at the resort, they've learned that the warmer months see a lot of families using the facilities. In the

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Buttermilk Falls Resort

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fall, winter and spring, the tendency is mainly towards adults. "We've had a great ice fishing season. We rent 6 huts, and just recently a guest pulled out a 10-12 lb. lake trout. All our guests have been having great luck," John states. The Riders have been much busier than then expected. So much so,



that they revealed that they were still living out of boxes. "We've had to make sure that our guests are taken care of first," says John. "We owe it all to the 3 previous owners who established a great repeat business."

John and Dale don't want to just sit back and reap their rewards. They plan on continuing the

development of the property that the Christensen's started, and they have plans for expansion. "We've got just under 12 acres here, John explains." We don't want to overcrowd it, but we'd like to be able to expand by putting in 2 more log cottages, if that's possible."

The Resort Philosophy

"Many people are looking for the nostalgia of cottaging from yesteryear," John says. "When you come here, down in the glen where the cabins are, all you hear is the sound of the nearby falls, and birds singing. The glen holds in the smell of smoke from the wood fires," and its small things like that which people remember from their youth."

"We don't have telephones in the cottages, though there are tv's which are hooked up to dvd players. We encourage guests to fish, hike, canoe, and really get into outdoor activities. You know I've heard that when families first come they're worried about what their kids will do, but by the time they have to leave they can't get their kids back from playing outdoors—it's what Haliburton has to offer, for city kids. It's the old style of cottages versus the new style of McMansions that are going up. That's what we're aiming for; cottaging of yesteryear."

Like many new business owners in the Highlands the Riders have experienced the famous Highland friendliness. Says John; "neighbours have gone out of their way to make us feel at home and welcome. I've traveled and moved all over with my jobs, but I've not experienced this kind of neighbourly embracement."

With their own mark to stamp on the property, some continuing help from neighbours and the guidance of the Christensens, John and Dale Rider will do just fine. Buttermilk Falls Resort remains in good hands.

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Mark Kellett presents Eric with his \$1,000 Sir Sam's Challenge winnings

two shook hands. "This is absolutely incredible. This has been a very good day," smiled Edwards, while moving over to add the one grand windfall to his display thermometer.

Edwards was ably assisted all day by ride colleagues Dr Bob Heyes, Dr. Michael Armstrong, Blake Paton and Rob Meyers. For the past four years Edwards and Meyers have ridden in the Ontario equivalent of the national ride. "We've managed to raise \$3 million over the last four years of the Ontario ride and we'll be doing it again this year," says Edwards. That ride is his recuperative time between cancer rides. "This will be the fifth anniversary of Edwards.

But for now, Edwards is generating all of his extra time and energy to the daunting ride across Canada.

The thermometer is now fully cocked and loaded and Edwards is one-third of the way to his goal. If all goes according to plan, he will nail both his funding and mileage goal well before he packs up a new bike and heads out to Vancouver for a late May arrival in Vancouver. "One of our corporate sponsors, along with Sears, Quebecor and Dorel Cycles happens to be West Jet and they are providing us with transportation to Vancouver," Edwards says that there are over 20 corporate sponsors on board thus far.

The riders hail from every province of Canada, providing local flavor during each stage of their ride.

The Sears National Kids Cancer Ride will start in Vancouver on the morning of Monday June 2, 2008 and will end 19 days later on June 20, 2008 in Halifax.

Edwards has been preparing for the event since December and has been accumulating mileage on his indoor trainer to prepare him for the grueling test.

The total trip covers about 7,600 kilometers, but Edwards says that most of the 60 riders will be riding about 5000 kilometers in total.

"There are several stages in the race when we will be racing around the clock and those stages will be managed in a relay," says Edwards.

Every rider involved in the full Canada wide journey is supposed to gather a total of \$12,500 in pledges.

"We're supposed to come to the race with a minimum of 12,500 in donations, but I've upped my goal to \$15,000," says Edwards.

Edwards, who runs a Home and Cottage Service in the winters, in addition to hosting a snowmobile touring business says that he is able to free up time during the summer to contribute to the cause of cancer.

"Basically I'm taking a month off for this ride because I can," smiles Edwards, from his perch atop his training cycle.

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He says that pledges for the national riders alone will raise in excess of \$1.5 million.

He says that corporate sponsors will take care of the riders needs during the course of the race.

"That way, all of the money that we pledge and raise is donated specifically to the 17 pediatric oncology centers across Canada," says Edwards.

The website information states that, "National Riders are individual riders who commit to traveling the entire 7,600 km across Canada.

"Approximately 50 of these soloists will be selected through an application and interview process. All National Riders will receive a broad range of support from the Ride organizers, including accommodation, food, medical professionals, roadside support, ride apparel and more."

Edwards explains that a bulk of the race will be run in shift relays, thus every rider will only be riding about 5,000 of the total 7,600 kilometers.

"From Vancouver to London these cyclists will ride 24/7, in three rotating shifts of 3-5 hours. This means that each National Rider will go approximately 1/3 the total distance on his/her bike. From London to Quebec City, all the National Riders will participate in five, one-day stages of approximately 255km each. Coming out of Quebec City, the ride will become 24/7 again straight through to Halifax," states the website.

It goes on to explain that:

"Thousands of **Stage Riders** will participate in Regional Rides in cities along the route, riding between 25km and 200km+. In some communities, Stage Riders can participate in 25 km or 100 km "looped" rides that start and finish at a local Sears center or store. In other communities, Stage Riders can participate in full day (non-looped) rides of anywhere from 100 km to 200 km + distances. Cities where Stage Rides will occur include Vancouver, Edmonton,



Blake, Rob & Eric catch up on news

rider he will have the full support of the mechanics and access to repairs in the event of the inevitable breakdowns.

"That's really nice, because all we have to worry about is riding," says Edwards. Right now, Edwards is waiting for his new bike to arrive. Once that comes in and once the roads and the weather start to get a little more "cycle-friendly" he will be able to train outside.

And where will he be riding?

"Anywhere in this area is just great to ride... the whole county," says an effusive Edwards.

So remember. If you happen to get locked in behind a cyclist on a lonely highway up here in cottage country, don't get impatient.

Maybe take the time to give him some space and a friendly wave.

It just might be a guy pedaling for a cure to childhood cancer.

For more info: Just go to www.NationalKidsCancerRide.com and at the top of the home page click on "Register Now" to register as a National or Stage Rider, or click on "Volunteer Now" to register as a Volunteer.

GHOST STORIES

Welsh Road Ghosts

Spectral women have been spotted on Welsh roads. Two roads in Wales have been listed in a magazine survey of the UK's top 10 haunted highways. At Llangennith in the Gower, south Wales, a phantom woman dressed completely in white has been spotted on the main street. Readers of the Fortean Times have also reported seeing another spectral white lady in St Athan in the Vale of Glamorgan. The report was compiled after over 2,500 people contacted the magazine about ghostly roadside sightings over the last two years. The sheer number of reports prompted the journalists to produce a league table of roads across Britain.

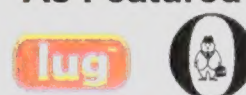
'Inundated'

"We've been inundated with reports of sightings on Britain's roads in the last couple of years, and it's clear that some ghostly sightings are being seen over and over again," said Fortean Times editor Bob Rickard. "Is this our subconscious playing tricks on us, or do we share our environment with ghosts of the dead and various elemental spirits?" The UK's most haunted road is listed as the A23 between London and Brighton, where ghostly figures include a small girl with no hands or feet, a figure in a white trench coat and a figure in cricketer's clothing. Elsewhere, a six-foot tall monk has been spotted near Gloucestershire, while phantom vehicles have been seen on the M6 near Birmingham, and phantom hitchhikers have been sighted between Nuneaton and Frome in Somerset.

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The following announcement will be of special interest to people of all ages who live, cottage or play in the Haliburton Highlands.

The Minden Community Forum has held six very successful Forums which focused on different topics of importance to our community. If you missed those Forums, be sure not to miss our seventh Forum on Wednesday March 26th, the topic being "The Social Elements of a Strong Community".

At our last Community Forum we focused on "Health Services in Minden", and our struggle to recruit doctors and other health professionals to tend to our needs. We normally are concerned with *treatment* of medical conditions, but *prevention* is also very important, considering that there is a large portion of our community whose every day health is determined by the *economic* and *social* conditions under which they live. Almost all major diseases can be tracked back to conditions that are caused by social, economic and political forces. As a caring community we need to be more aware of and more concerned about these forces, and we need to find a way to overcome them. We are very fortunate to have in our community groups of professionals who are working on this problem, and at our Forum we will be hearing about *The Social Elements Of A Strong Community* from Michael Fay, who has done considerable research and work on this topic. Following his presentation, Michael will Chair a panel discussion on *Housing, Food and Employment*, which are three of the conditions which must be addressed, and we will hear about work being done in these areas and how we might help. You will have the opportunity to express your views during the "Open Forum" portion of the meeting.

Come out to this the seventh in a series of "Minden Community Forums" on Wednesday March 26th at Minden United Church at 7:30PM. Presentations will be made by Michael Fay from Fay & Associates who will Chair a panel discussion on *The Social Elements Of A Strong Community*, and by the panel consisting of Fay Martin from Places For People discussing *Housing*, Rosie Kadwell Public Health Dietician discussing *Food*, and Sharyn Bray Employment Advisor at Fleming College discussing *Employment*. Heather Reid will be Moderator at this Forum.

Let's keep the feeling of "community" in Minden strong, and get back "in the know" by attending this and future Forums.

Hear their vision and ask your questions at the "Minden Community Forum" on Wednesday March 26th at 7:30P.M. at Minden United Church,

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March Break Programs for 7-11s

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So, when you get tired of skiing, video games, TV and hanging out with your brothers and sisters check out what’s happening at Rails End Gallery. Preregister by calling the Gallery at 457-2330. The cost for three half days is \$65 and for three full days \$90 with GST and materials included.



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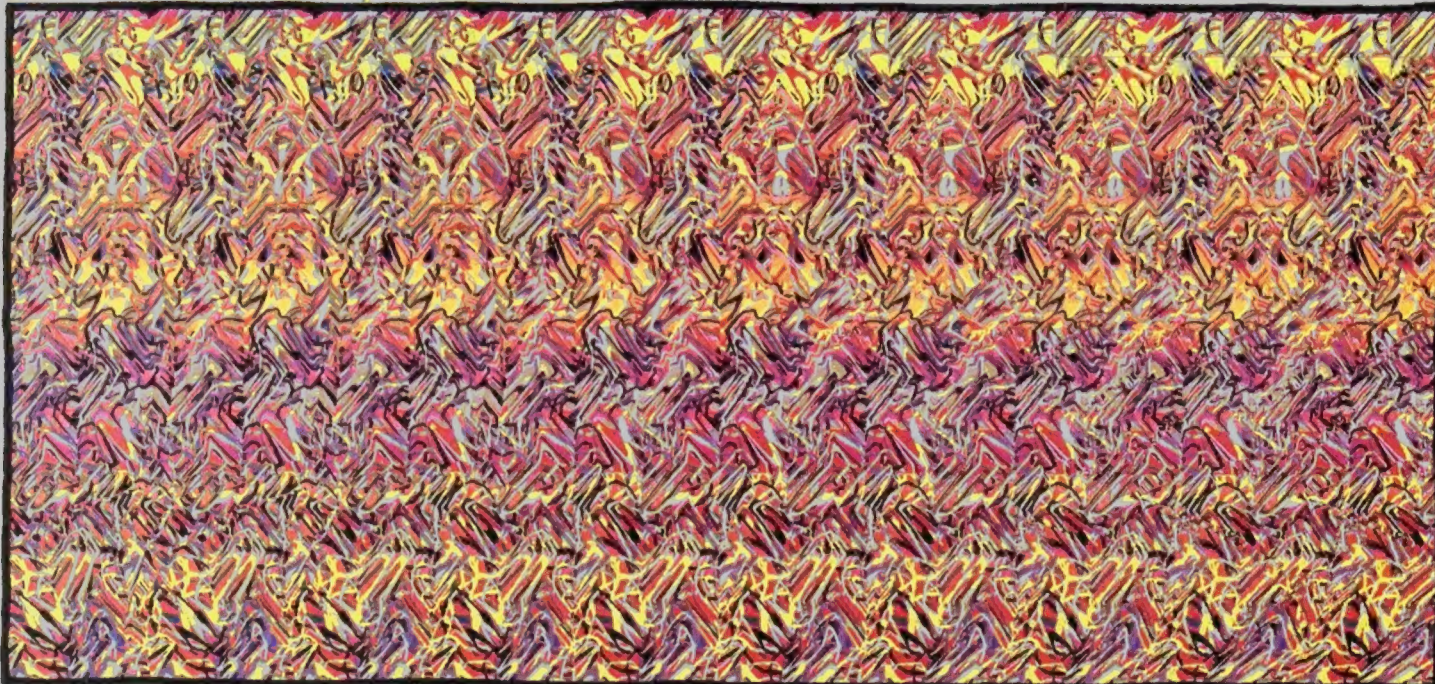
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Visiting Artist Loves Telling Tales

Heather Whaley, popular songwriter, poet and storyteller, will be returning to the Highlands to perform at R.D. Lawrence Place on Saturday, April 26. Here in 2005 to perform at A Writer's Christmas, she captured the audience with her music, wit and charm.

A special fundraising event, this concert is being hosted by The Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network. Members intend to have a booth at Word on the Street in Toronto this fall to promote writing in the Highlands.

Heather Whaley, popular songwriter, poet and storyteller, will be returning to the Highlands to perform at R.D. Lawrence Place on Saturday, April 26.

Whaley is a renowned and versatile performing artist. With props and guitar in tow, she brings to life both traditional and personal stories, songs and poems. Her blues tunes have earned her the label of being "bluesy cool."

With 30 books to his credit, R.D. Lawrence became known as a master storyteller, revealing his discoveries and adventures in the wilds. Who better to feature at the opening of a building paying tribute to him than a fellow storyteller who specializes in traditional music, ballads and blues delivered in a lively minstrel style.

Paying tribute to National Poetry Month, the works of Haliburton poets will be displayed on many poet-trees in the new facility, alongside memorabilia from the life of journalist, author and naturalist R.D. Lawrence, whom the building honours.

Come out and join others at a wine and cheese reception, followed by a musical evening. The door opens at 7 p.m. The concert will begin around 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Contact Pauline Johnson at 705-489-3878 or Sharon Lawrence at 286-6276 for more information or to purchase tickets for this event. Tickets are also on sale at The Storeroom in Minden or Kitchens Etc. in Haliburton. Directions to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre are available on its website at www.mindenhillsculturalcentre.com.

Book Launch:

SoulWinds: Poems of Transformation

Brenda Peddigrew is known in the County as a writer who contributes regularly to the Highland Communicator and who facilitates the Algonquin Highlands Writers' Resonance Circle bi-weekly at Club 35 in Halls Lake.

Brenda also launched her first book of poems When the Bones Find Their Singing Place in June, 2006. This collection went through several printings and eventually sold 312 copies.

On Saturday, March 29, 2008, from 1-4pm at Club 35 in Halls Lake the Algonquin Highlands Writers' Resonance Circle will sponsor the launch of her second collection, SoulWinds: poems of transformation. This event will celebrate the whole Writers' Circle, with readings of original writings by several members of the Circle before announcing and launching Brenda's book of poems. Appetizers and finger foods will be provided. The SoulWinds collection will be available for purchase.

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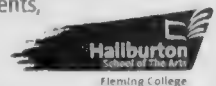


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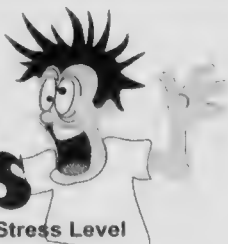
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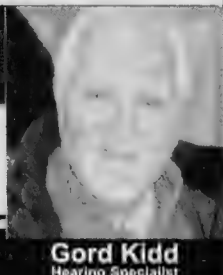
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It Happening in Kinmount

by Lynne Kilby

Although the Kinmount Agricultural Society suffered some setbacks to have ice in place sooner at Kinmount Arena, volunteers are presently working hard flooding the rink. Providing the weather holds, there should be ice for March break. Wouldn't that be nice but then again spring would be nice too. Either way, thanks to the efforts of the Fair Board and all its supporters, its good to know the sorely missed arena will be back in full swing next year. And here's some really BIG NEWS. With the final phase of the new arena just completed, the Kinmount Agricultural Society breaks new ground in deciding to promote the fairgrounds with an exciting endeavour. The **First Annual Kinmount Kountry Jamboree** will take place **June 26 - 29 at the Fairgrounds**. What a fantastic idea!

Kinmount Legion is a great place to meet new friends and have fun. The Legion offers many various activities, such as dart leagues, shuffleboard and bingo. **March 9**, marks the **6th Annual Sandra Robertson Memorial Dart Tournament**. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. This is a mixed open (2 men, 2 women). On **March 30**, registration for the **Kinmount Open Mixed Dart Tournament** (any combo, men or women) is at 9:30 a.m. Coming soon is the very popular **Annual Loony Auction and Dinner**. More info on that to follow. These events are open to everyone. For enquiries, contact the Legion at 488-3462.

After being closed for the month of January, the **Kinmount Artisans Marketplace** is now re-opened **Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Located on the lower level at Kinmount Community Centre, the marketplace offers a wealth of handcrafted items for your personal or gift giving pleasure.

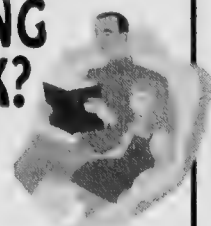
As spring approaches, Certified Fitness Instructor Janet Dalzell is looking for **group fitness participants** interested in increasing their energy levels. To keep your spirits up (and keep your weight in check) Janet offers various day-time and evening classes, Monday through Friday and Saturday mornings at Galway Community Hall. Contact Janet at 488-2630 for more information.

April 10 - Kinmount Seniors Group sponsors a bi-monthly trip to **Casino Rama** on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The bus leaves the legion parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Enjoy a free lunch while you are there. Return time is 4:00 p.m. Bus cost is \$5.00. All welcome. To reserve your spot call Theresa at 488-1110.

Remember to call me at (705) 488-2919 or E-mail me at lynne.kilby@sympatico.ca to share news or advertise an event or activity. See you in Kinmount!!!

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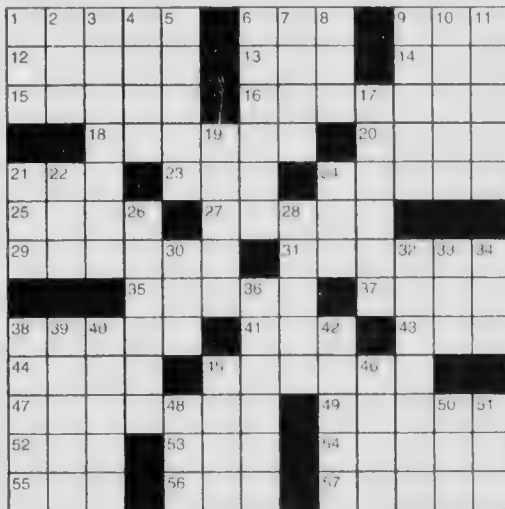


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Early Learning Adventure Mornings Enjoy time with your preschooler while learning all about nutrition and having fun in the kitchen.

Haliburton OEYC - Kids in the Kitchen - Mondays March 3 - March 31 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am For info call 457-2989.

Minden OEYC - Fun with Food -Tuesdays March 4 - March 25 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am. For info call 286-1770.

Parent Talk Time- Haliburton OEYC March 12 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am - Infant Massage Come and discover the joys and benefits of infant massage. Claire Sylvan from Point in Time will be here to demonstrate and teach parents proper techniques and discuss the importance of caring touch. Forinfo call 457-2989.

Parent Talk Time- Haliburton OEYC March 26 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am - Nutrition - Introducing Solids with your Toddler Join Beth MacEachern Public Health Dietician from HKPR Health Unit as she provides a hand-on demonstration on introducing solids with your child. For more information please phone 457-2989.

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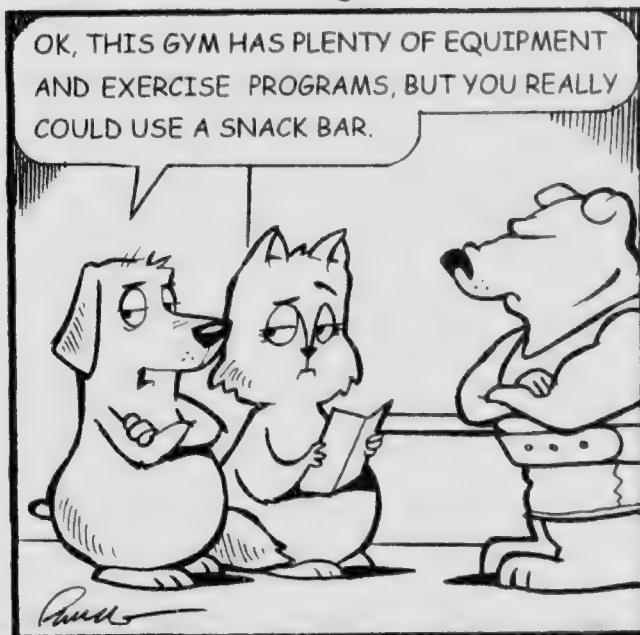
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When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

LAW OF BIOMECHANICS

The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

LAW OF THE THEATER

At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.

LAW OF COFFEE

As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

LAW OF LOCATION

No matter where you go, there you are.

LAW OF LOGICAL ARGUMENT

Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

BROWN'S LAW

If the shoe fits, it's ugly.

OLIVER'S LAW

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

WILSON'S LAW

As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

DOCTORS' LAW

If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. Don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick.

**A fool and his money are soon
partying.**

Rails End Gallery Presents:

Sandy Slote

Friday March 7 until Saturday April 5, 2008 - In the Members' Gallery Opening reception Friday between 4:30 and 7 pm. The reception will be followed by a screening of "The Seeds of Change" The film will start at 7:00 pm in the Highland Gallery. Seating is limited.

About Sandy Slote

Sandy's artwork, whether executed three dimensionally in cast and moulded concrete or two dimensionally in watercolours, oils, or acrylics is a compelling extension of her personality. Over the years, since graduating with a BFA from the University of Windsor, she has developed a distinct signature style. Always learning and never timid about experimenting with mediums and techniques, Sandy captures the magic in the mundane, the mystery in the ordinary and the soul of her subjects. Her bold use of colour and line and strong design aesthetic allow her to create pieces with movement and intensity but rarely without whimsy and humour. Sandy continues to work, learn and create from her home studio in the Haliburton Highlands and is a member of the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre.



About "The Seeds of Change"

The subject of one of Slote's small paintings is of a clothesline in the wind. It reminds us of the power of the wind to make clothes dance, but on a deeper level it is an environmental reminder to turn off the dryer. *Seeds of*

Change, a seventy-minute documentary film made by University of Manitoba (U of M) professor Stéphane McLachlan, U of M PhD student Ian Mauro, and independent videographer Jim Sanders, is a balanced yet hard-hitting exposé of the controversy surrounding genetically modified crops and how they have changed the face of rural agriculture in western Canada. **Admission to the film is by donation to the gallery.** Limited seating. For more information call the gallery at 457-2330.

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Uno Wins best in Show



It's a Dog's Life

Billie Jean Mesmerized by The Beagle

I always leave the television tuned to TSN (The Sports Network) during the day for Billie Jean my dog.

So the other day, as I dragged my ski gear in from the car, I was surprised to see that she was actually sitting on the futon watching what was on. Her ears were up and she was right into the action watching a succession of dogs prance around a ring.

Now don't ask me why, but the annual Westminster Kennel Club dog show apparently qualifies as a sporting event. I bring that up because it is covered

annually by ESPN and TSN.

The tautology inherent here is that if a sports network covers it... well it must be a sport.

I looked at the TV and I looked at Billie Jean who was mesmerized as owners led a vast array of breeds in circles before what I can only describe as a cacophony of adoring fans assembled at Madison Square Garden for the two-day event.

I tried to channel over to a Notre Dame basketball game, but Billie Jean gave me a quizzical cocked head look.

And then, because the TV guide said there was only 45 minutes left in the event, and also because, apparently we were approaching the culmination and climax of two days of intense canine scrutiny, I decided to acquiesce to Billie's demands.

So I pulled up on the futon beside her and watched the show.

And right away I noticed something very strange. Although billed as a sporting event, there is very little in the way of actual head-to-head competition going on.

Now, this event is played out in Madison Square Gardens. Hallowed ground. The Rangers have hoisted Lord Stanley's Cup under those antediluvian rafters. Walt Frazier and Earl the Pearl Monroe led the Knickerbockers to obscurity here. Joe Louis, Sonny Liston, Sugar Ray and Mohammed Ali have all hoisted title belts here.

So, thus girded, I looked at Billie and prepared for the inevitable action about to be parlayed on this blessed floor. "Bring on the Hounds!!!" I shouted. "Who Let the Dogs out? Who... Who?" I screamed.

Billie glared at me.

A lithe Weimaraner entered the ring, long, patient strides reminiscent of Bad Park circling the Ranger net for a solo rink long rush up ice.

"Let the competition begin!" I screamed.

Billie then turned and yipped, "shuddup!"



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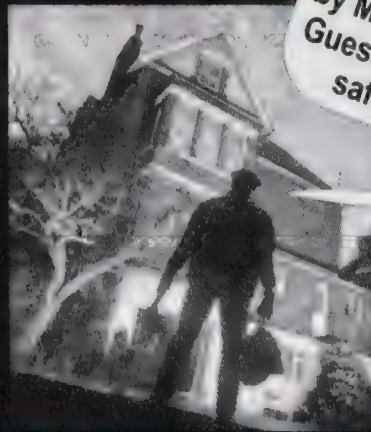
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I ignored it.

The crowd was going wild. The Weimaraner stopped mid-ring and the crowd hushed.

"What'll it be Billie?" I winked. "Is she going to fetch a ball? Do a flip? Chase down a Frisbee while rocking a 360 midair leap and grab?"

Nothing.

An old guy in a tux dropped over to the Weimaraner, asked to look at its teeth, grabbed the poor dog in its private parts, said congratulations and then asked to see another dog.

Next up was the Australian Shepherd.

He came in to thunderous applause. My mind flashed to a pitch in Melbourne and Aussie Rules Football. Mud, gore, raw, raucous energy mixed with speed, power and athletic loose-limbed runs.

I looked over at Billie. "Okay girl," I said. "Now we're down under and dirty. Set up the Barbie and let's see a leap over a four-burner 2000 BTU unit while snaring a shrimp from the grill while doing a twisting double lutz!"

Nothing.

The Aussie Shepherd stopped. The crowd hushed.

The old guy in the tux looked at his teeth, grabbed its privates and said congratulations.

The shepherd did another lap and the crowd went wild.

And on it went. No leaps, no fetch, no walking on the hind legs, no roll over and no shake a paw. And to add insult to the growing injury here comes a Toy Poodle. With a hair style that one can only imagine was designed by a groomer who had recently absorbed some non-generic and completely organic mushrooms not currently available in any supermarket.

I was just about to surf on back to South Bend and Notre Dame when I hear Billie begin to wail.

It's a low mournful, soul-etching and driven howl that she reserves for the opening theme to Law and Order.

I've never heard her use it at any other time. (We watch a lot of the L and O Billie and I.)

But here she is, head laid back, eyes staring at the ceiling and she is cranking that ethereal, eerie and doleful howl.

Yes. Uno, the 15-inch Beagle has just entered the ring. The crowd erupts, Uno is baying and Billie is yowling at the rafters.

The senile old judge grabs Uno's privates, checks his teeth and then oddly, wraps his ears around its head. I can only surmise that this is in lieu of a non-existent trick repertoire.

"Here ya' go sports fans. Uno can't loop a reverse rodeo while snagging an airborne disc... But hey, look ma!... Ears wrap and Voila! Noooo head! TA-DA!"

But I digress.

I don't need to watch the doddering old judge to discern the winner on this day.

Billie has already cast her ballot and one thing I've learned over three years with my darling Billie Jean.

She knows her dogs. And truth be told, I am sold. Uno the Beagle is just cute as a button.

Seconds later the dotty judge in the buck-sixty tux teeters over to Uno.

The crowd erupts for The Best In Show.

Uno rears back and howls. A Beagle in his element.

Billie joins in the chorus.

My living room is suddenly transmogrified. I am on the set of Hounds of the Baskervilles.

I do what I usually do at a sporting event. I rear back and revel in the moment.

"Give me a U! Give me an N! Give me an O!... What's that spell?"

I am suddenly aware of Billie's withering stare.

"OK... I'll shut up. Can we switch to Notre Dame now? Please?"

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this fundraising event will feature food and drink recipes from the LCBO Food and Drink publication. You must be 19 or older to attend. Entrance is \$20 per person, which is good for six vouchers for food and/or drinks. Tickets are available by calling the gallery at 286 - 3763.

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special evening promises to be a musical delight to both seasoned and new fans alike, and certainly beyond the calibre of talent the county is used to attracting.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door – they are avail-

able by calling Delta Pinestone Resort at 1-800-461-0357. His biography follows below.

About Alfie Zappacosta

He's a lot of things to a lot of people – rock to some, smooth to others, adult contemporary to many. Alfie is established enough that he's just Alfie – an incredibly gifted talent beyond any genre tag.

He has long been considered one of the best vocal talents in

Canada, yet we know very little about Alfie Zappacosta and his music. Sure you know his chart topping singles, Nothing Can Stand in Your Way, Passion, When I Fall in Love Again, We Should Be Lovers (plus many more), and the fact that he has two JUNOs and an American Music Award for his contribution of Overload to the Dirty Dancing Soundtrack, and is currently nominated for Three Canadian Smooth Jazz Awards, but how much do you really know about the artist himself?

Alfie Zappacosta has a distinguished career and still today, he continues to write compelling lyric and melody. Yes, Alfie Zappacosta is a songwriter! He is also an accomplished guitarist, premier vocalist and actor. In 1995, Zappacosta left his pop stardom behind to pursue a more intimate style of writing and performing.

The roots of his new sound started when Zappacosta began playing solo before crowds at a Toronto club. Playing only guitar, he explored new harmonies and melodies, later combining rootsy elements such as harmonica and accordion, when eventually manifested itself in a smooth jazz / adult contemporary sound."

"I wanted to get back into a form of music that I knew I was not only capable of doing but also a style of music that would fulfill me both artistically and spiritually. I realized that chasing down fads is really a losing proposition." His passion for beautiful melodies and grand songs evolved to produce four spectacular CDs – Innocence Ballet, Dark Sided Jewel, Start Again and his latest recording Bonafide.

Today Zappacosta is a class act. The music is rich, powerful, polished and romantic. And while you will find some of his most popular songs in the mix, you will not hear the huge production that once accompanied these classics. The songs are stripped down showcasing why a great song needs only an incredible voice and a masterful delivery.

Zappacosta has two JUNO Awards for Most Promising Male Vocalist and Album of the Year, and an American Music Award,

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for Most Popular Album of the Year. He has fronted the rock band Surrender; written for his own production company; gone solo on his own label; collaborated on the Dirty Dancing soundtrack; and released eight original music CDs including his most recent Bonafide.

In 2007, Zappacosta was nominated in three categories at the Canadian Smooth Jazz Awards. Bonafide is a true hit and has garnered favour with the Canadian Smooth Jazz Awards with nominations for Best Original Composition for "Dreams Will Come True", Album of the Year and Male Vocalist of the Year. The award ceremonies are Friday March 7th at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga, Ontario. Purchase tickets for the award show and vote for Zappacosta at www.canadiansmoothjazzawards.com

Zappacosta is also an accomplished actor; he performed leads roles in Evita, Hair, Jesus Christ Superstar and Frankenstein; won the New York Film and Video Festival Award for Best Supporting Actor for his role in the Canadian movie Halo; and appeared in movies and television. His latest work sees Alfie maturing even further placing him comfortably among the worlds' finest artists / entertainers.

To find out more information about Zappacosta, to view the tour schedule, to purchase music and to watch the latest videos check out www.iamzappacosta.com.

Minden Legion Features Chuck Simms At St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

Singer-songwriter, Chuck Simms, one of Newfoundland's favourite sons and a popular favourite in Ontario will be featured at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 Minden, annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, March 15.

Tickets are now on sale at the legion for \$25.00. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m.

starting with a traditional dinner of corned beef and cabbage in addition to a lively evening of entertainment with Chuck Simms performing Newfoundland, Country music and in honour of the event a special round of favourite Irish tunes.

Chuck Simms, a renowned folk music artist, has been singing, writing and recording music for over 30 years while performing across Canada from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island and the Yukon. He has also performed in the USA and his music has a wide following in Australia, Belgium, Denmark, and Sweden.

This is the fifth annual season featuring the popular artist and those wishing to attend should purchase their tickets as soon as possible before early sellout occurs. For more information call the legion at 705-286-4541. The Royal Canadian Legion, a great place to meet and greet, is located on Highway 35 North and CR 21, Minden.

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Understanding RSPs

with Susan Lee

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A big benefit of any investment that is not always taken advantage of is time. The longer you have your money invested the more it will grow. Along with the benefit of time, RRSP's also allow your investment to grow tax sheltered. What this means is if you have \$1000.00 to invest and it earns 5% interest income, (please review my article on income and income tax from two articles ago), you would have to add \$50.00 interest income to your tax return and pay tax on it. I am going to assume a tax bracket of 35% which means you would pay the tax man \$17.50 income tax so the next year you would have \$1032.50 to invest again earning 5% you would earn \$51.63 in interest income again which you would have to add to your taxable income. When an investment is tax sheltered like an RRSP you do not have to claim the earnings on your tax return in the years earned, you only claim it when you withdraw from the RRSP. So again \$1000.00 with a 5% interest income would earn your \$50.00 but because it is tax sheltered you do not claim it as a taxable income so the whole amount is available to earn interest income on the next year. $1000.00 \text{ plus } \$50.00 = 1050.00 \text{ at } 5\% = \52.50 .

So when we compare both:

Ø Not tax sheltered investment after 2 years = $1000.00 + (50.00 - 17.50) + (51.63 - 18.07) = \1066.06 .

Ø In a RRSP tax sheltered investment after 2 years = $1000.00 + 50.00 + 52.50 = \1102.50

As you can see the RRSP has the potential to grow larger.

If you invested \$1000.00 every year at 5% assuming an income tax rate of 35% you would have \$34719.00 in the RRSP investment. \$6259.00 more then in the non tax sheltered investment at the end of 20 years.

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The biggest factor is getting the investment started early for example, if a person invested as above 1000.00 per year for 20 years at 8% stopped contributing but continued to let the investment grow for another 20 years the investment would be worth \$230358.00. The sooner you start the less you have to invest.

Please note when you do withdraw from your RRSP it doesn't matter how the income is earned, whether it would be capital gain, dividend or interest, it is all taxed as interest income which is the most expensive way to earn investment income.

Revenue Canada has modified RSPs over the years and now you can take up to \$20,000.00 as a Home Buyer withdrawal (down payment on a home) if you qualify as well as \$15,000.00 Lifelong Learning Plan (used towards education) if you qualify.

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Russian Czar Paul I made it a crime punishable by death by flogging for anyone to mention his baldness in his presence.

The village of Mackinac Island, Michigan, first banned the "horseless carriage" over one hundred years ago, and still to this day does not allow cars on the island!

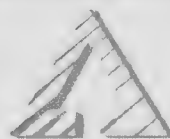
In Houston, Texas, it's against the law to make a noise while moving boxes!

In 1685, the Japanese ruler Tokugawa Tsunayoshi, an animal lover, issued a code of thirty-six laws and punishments relating to animal care that included death to anyone who hit a biting dog!

John Mangefel, the first governor of the island of Yap, passed a law making it illegal to wear a tie!

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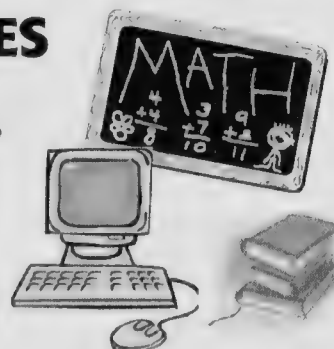
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by **Donald J. Lange**
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This is Donald Lange's 100th Column for The Communicator. At an average of two per month, that means he's been at this for four years!! Donald writes these columns as a community service and we once again thank him for his informative columns. We know they have helped many people. Thank You !!

Highway Potholes

This is the time of year for potholes on highways and municipal roads in Ontario. If you have been to Toronto recently, driving the downtown streets, you may end up, as I did, hitting a good-sized pothole and having to pull over to see if the tire was going flat. Under the *Municipal Act*, each municipality has a statutory duty to keep a road in a reasonable state of repair and, if it does not, it may be sued by the owner of a car damaged while using the road. The statutory duty imposed on the municipality and the statutory right to sue the municipality, if your car needs repair work as a result of hitting a pothole, goes back in Ontario to 1850 when the first legislation was introduced. By 1874, one Mr. Toms *et ux.* (a common Latin abbreviation back then meaning "the wife") sued the then Township of Whitby. The judge in the case had this quaint statement of the law:

"If the road dedicated were, by reason of a precipice or excavation, or from any other cause, so dangerous that it could not be safely used as a highway, I see nothing to shew that by English law the "parish" or any one whatever was bound, if the public accepted and used the road, to fence or gravel it for the public benefit, against these natural and existing dangers. But if any one were to excavate upon it or near to it, or were to leave any obstruction upon it, or to do anything whatever to it, so as to make travel upon it unsafe, it would be a nuisance; and for any damage resulting, he would be liable."

The test to meet today is a reasonable state of repair in light of all the circumstances, including the character and location of the road. Thus, a back road in our county (which is a municipality) may be maintained differently than a well-travelled county road and may, as a result, not give rise to a successful claim by the car owner. In addition, a municipality is not liable for failing to keep a road in a reasonable state of repair if it did not know, or could not expect to know, about the need to repair a road. Thus, if a car is damaged as a result of a spring wash out of part of a road due to an overflowing culvert, a claim by the owner is not likely to succeed. You must give notice of your claim and of the damages complained of to the clerk of the municipality within ten days of the incident.

In the next column, I will be talking about squatters' rights.

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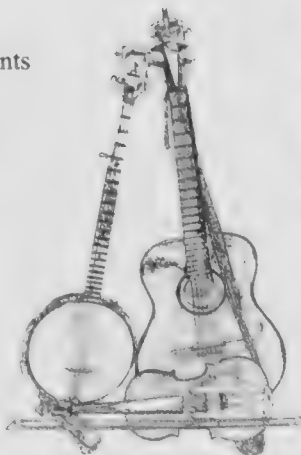
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Special thanks to Ian Pay of Quantum Entertainment for initiating, leading, and managing this project.

By ordering your CD now, you are making the entire production possible and supporting the work of the Haliburton County Folk Society in their efforts to foster appreciation of and participation in folk music in Haliburton County. See <http://www.haliburton-folk.com/> for more information and upcoming concerts.

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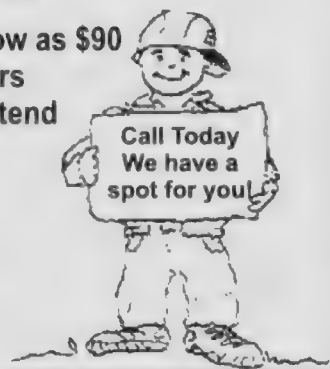
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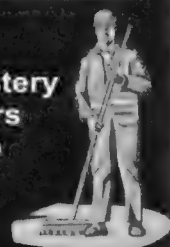
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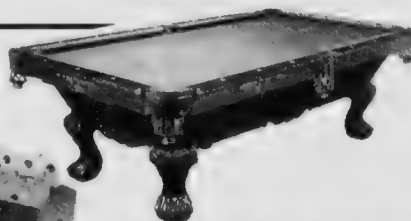
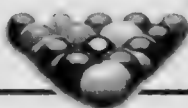
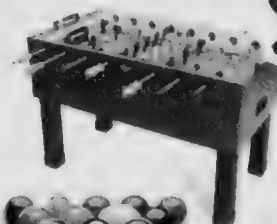
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The Kushog Canary Man

By George Farrell

Ron Rowden is originally from the Oshawa area, and he worked at G.M. for 38 years. Ron and wife Sharon bought their cottage on Kushog Lake in 2000, some years after Ron's retirement. The thinking was that they'd sell their house in Bowmanville, get rid of one mortgage, and retire to the cottage. Ron is one of those men who perhaps hasn't had to re-invent himself a lot of times, but he's done it at least once, and the new direction his life took was certainly different from the assembly line.

"In a former house in Oshawa, we had a porch. One side of the porch there was a Fuchsia growing, and on the other side we had New Guinea Impatiens," he says, launching into the story that would change his life. "House finches made their nest in the Impatiens, and the male bird would sit on a wire and sing his heart out all day long."

House finches look rather like Purple finches, with males displaying a lot of raspberry coloration on the breast feathers. In some centres they have supplanted sparrows, and their song is a delight to hear.

Ron continues. "I told Sharon that I would raise the young birds, so I used a bird cage, which I put near the nest. I put the babies in the cage, and the parents fed them through the bars of the cage. When the parents quit feeding them I moved the cage and babies into the house. I got to reading about birds, and discovered you could cross wild finches with canaries. Then in 1991 I ran into a guy named Narciso Prataviera, who had Roller canaries, which are bred for song. Once I heard them, I wanted a canary."

Ron's cross-breeding efforts with the Purple finches was not successful, so he gave the finches away to friends, and they lived a long life. Their life span is only about 6 or 7 years. Narciso was a member of the Hamilton Canary Club, which Ron joined, "and that's when I started to get into the competitions," he says, which explained the myriad trophies, festooning the walls and shelves of the cottage; a tribute to Ron's subsequent success as a breeder.

"I originally bought Narciso's strain of birds. He'd been breeding for years, and I just traded a sister to last year's winner of the song contest in Hamilton, for another bird of his which is a straight German strain," Ron explains. "The Germans and the British have the 2 main strains, and most singing Roller canaries originated from one of those strains." At this point Ron told me about some of the differences in canaries. "There's also show canaries, called Border canaries. They sing too, but they're not judged for song, but mainly for appearance."

Ron then proceeded to play a Roller Canary cd from one of the shows. I was not prepared for what I heard. The little yellow song-

birds we call canaries have little green ancestors who once lived on what are now Spain's Canary Islands. My most memorable occasion of hearing canaries singing was in Spain, where owning a canary is still common. People hang their canary cages on the outside of their homes in the daytime. One early morning while walking down the road of a small Spanish village I was greeted by the beautiful trilling of many canaries, the only other sound being the owners, all women, gossiping to each other over the back fence. Instead of that typically beautiful, trilling canary song most of us are used to, what I heard instead from Ron's cd I can only describe as clucks, and gargles. I admit to an untrained ear for Roller Canary song, and I didn't understand what it was that I was hearing. After talking to Ron some more, I got the impression that Roller canaries are the avian equivalent of opera singers. They are trained to sing specific pieces that ordinary canaries just can't emulate, and in shows they're judged on the quantity and quality of those pieces. Another

difference between Rollers and Borders, is that Borders, like most birds, sing with the beak wide open, whereas Rollers do not open their beaks to produce sound. Rollers produce their songs internally by puffing up their throats, and according to Ron, "those who can produce the biggest throat swelling are generally the better singers."

Training

Training roller canaries to sing is an involving business, so much so that Ron is staying at home to look after his birds, while Sharon is off

with her girlfriends on a cruise ship. "I wouldn't leave the birds," he says. "Birds have different songs which they sing at different times. A mating song they usually sing in the spring time, up until they start to molt in July or August, at which time they don't sing at all. Then there's the competition song which comes after molt, and when they've got their new feathers. That's when we start training them for competition. Our birds usually live from 7 to 10 years, and if it's a good bird, they'll have a good voice up until the 6th or 7th year."

"We train them by letting them hear our best bird, or a training cd of other top birds. They try to imitate the birds, but if they're not bred properly they sing with faults, which are hard to get rid of. As part of the training we keep them in darkness in their cabinet, with the doors closed. Twice a day we bring them into strong light, which immediately brings on the song."



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year one of my birds, #622, was judged the best bird of show."

Competition

There are Roller canary clubs in Hamilton, Vancouver, Quebec and Trois Riviers, and the governing body is the Dominion Roller Canary Club, which sets the constitution and rules of competition

"When birds are competing they're arranged in such a way as they can't see one another. It just insures a better song," Ron assures me. "We try to keep our best birds together. It's like a team, and like any team the members are continually changing." To the untrained ear the birds might sound similar, but the judges know exactly what to listen for, and they must sing within 20 minutes of being before a judge.

"Birds sing in a quartet in competition," Ron explains, "and are judged individually and as a team. They're judged on many criteria including Bass, Hollow Roll, Gluck, Water Gluck, Bell Roll, and other categories of sounds." The big competition is held in Hamilton on November 11, at the Optimist Club. "Every one of these birds has its own pedigree, just like a dog or a race horse," Ron states. "This

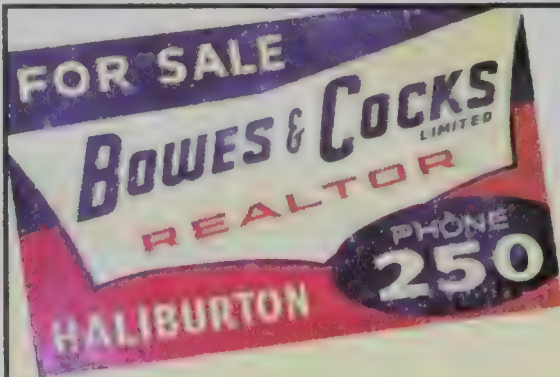


Breeding

For the purposes of breeding, the hens are initially separated from the males and gradually, starting in January, an artificial light source increases the length of 'day light', until a maximum of 12 hours of light is reached, sometime in March or April. Ron keeps his canaries at a surprisingly cool 25 degrees, although apparently they're quite OK being kept as low as 15 degrees. Ron usually feeds his charges regular canary feed, which he gets from the Great Haliburton Feed Company. With breeding birds though, it's a different matter. "To bring them in breeding I feed them a combination of hard-boiled egg, bread crumbs, ground wheat yeast, and duck starter, all mixed together, and I let the mothers feed the babies the same stuff," Ron confides.

"When a male is in strong song, and a female is receptive, I put them in the same cage. The hen lays about 3-5 eggs, which are white. I take the first couple of eggs away, (he keeps them in an egg carton at 25 degrees, for up to 4 days),

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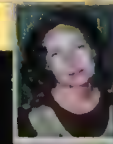
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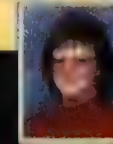
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and I replace those eggs with 1 plastic egg. That'll induce her to lay one egg a day, until she lays a blue egg. After the blue egg she won't lay any more. Then I put the other eggs back. In this way they all hatch at about the same time, and they all eat approximately

the same amount, and grow at the same rate. It insures against an early-hatched bird being bigger than the others, and eating most of the food."

"Both adult birds raise the chicks, and once the young are feeding themselves, the adults are removed. If you don't take the older birds away, sometimes they'll start to re-nest, and they'll actually pluck the feathers from the young ones, to use in their new nest. You could come home and find a young bird completely naked." I had to stifle a laugh, though the image was not a pretty one.



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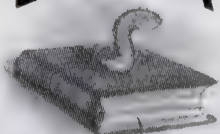
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Speaking of Birds....



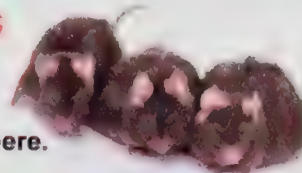
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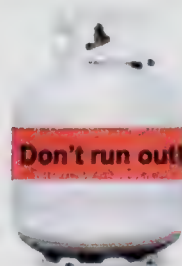
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I joined a book club a few years ago and have had the privilege of discussing some pretty wonderful books with some equally wonderful women. One thing I'd noticed was that, even though we'd read the same books, we each seemed to get something different from them. It was like the issues we were personally dealing with, or had dealt with, were mirrored in how we understood the book.

The last novel we read was *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett, and I was half-hearted picking it up since the person I borrowed it from didn't get through it. When I first started reading, I was angry. I really disliked it but had to keep reading because of the book club. After a hundred pages, I started skipping ahead fifty pages, then another twenty, then another fifty, and still I wasn't impressed. Then I went to the last twenty pages and read something so shocking I figured maybe I'd give it another try. Flipping back, I realized I was so used to fast-paced plots from the movies, I was expecting the same thing from this book.

But the beauty of *Bel Canto* wasn't in the plot; it was in the characters.

Not a lot occurred, but so much happened. It was about a hostage taking incident in South America, and one of the hostages was a brilliantly gifted opera singer. When this woman sang, time stopped. To be in her presence as she performed was to be uplifted by the gods. In the months they were together, lives were transformed: love flowed, latent talents in both the rebels and captives blossomed, and magnificence in all forms were noticed and appreciated. Before reading this, I had never really understood the transcendent power of absolute beauty and the yearning (perhaps unconscious) we have to be in its midst. Patchett truly inspired me.

The book I'm reading for our next gathering is *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck, and I am so in awe of this novel too. Again, I was reluctant going in, this time thinking it was so old and outdated. But the more I read the more relevant and ominous it felt. With the gap now widening between rich and poor, and droughts more prevalent, I'm finding this book rather eerie. I'm only half way through, and what touches me profoundly is the character of these people. The times had changed and they lost their home and way of life, but still they didn't forget what truly made a person rich: kinship. Food and shelter, no matter how meagre it was, was shared. These folks may have been dirty, but no matter what, they cared deeply for each other.

Steinbeck talked about how fear weakened people and made it easy for others to divide and conquer them. He also talked about how dangerous it was for those powers-that-be when "I" became "we," and how with "a little multiplication" of the "we" most anything was possible.

Perhaps I'm understanding this from these books right now because I'm coming to recognize that no matter how much I learn, how open my mind is, without an open heart, a heart capable of nurturing and perpetuating beauty of all kinds, I will continue only to yearn for that which I seek. The clarity, the truth, the grace I have touched but cannot hold on to, happens when the wisdom in my head flows to both my heart and my hands. When I becomes we, it won't matter what worldly limitations I may experience, for the power of my group will buoy me.

I suppose both of these novels are sort of retellings of the biblical Job story: even when everything is taken away, there's always some form of beauty around to uplift and remind us of our true nature.

When we replaces I, our culture will have finally taken the leap to maturity. This is what the great leaders have been trying to tell us. This is what the great writers, and artists of all kinds, have been trying to show us: beauty and power from unity are at the ends of our fingertips waiting to be grasped.

The women in my book club understand this, and I am so privileged to be a part of their group.

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Gryphon Trio on Saturday, April 5

The first performance in the set of three will feature the Gryphon Trio on Saturday, April 5. The Juno award-winning group has toured internationally since 1993 and is quoted as being "one of North America's premier chamber ensembles." According to The

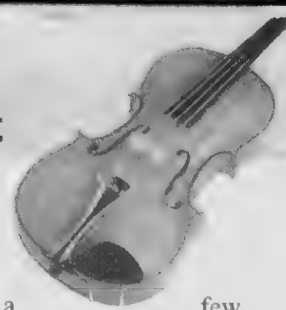
Los Angeles Times, "This is a piano trio that plays with strength and unanimity...big, bold, almost orchestral performances." Together, they combine the sounds of the violin, piano and cello to create their music.

Hoepfner and Kortgaard Saturday, Sept. 27

Second in line to perform are Hoepfner and Kortgaard on Saturday, Sept. 27. Susan Hoepfner is a Canadian flutist and international solo recitalist and chamber



ber musician. Venues in which she has performed for include: Canada, Japan, France, Argentina and Portugal to name a few. The man she will be sharing the stage with, Robert Kortgaard, is heralded as one of the country's most respected concert pianists. He has played with most of the country's leading orchestras and recital societies. He also partners himself with sopranos Measha Bruggersman, Wendy Neilson, mezzo-soprano Jean Stilwell and cabaret diva Patricia O'Callaghan.



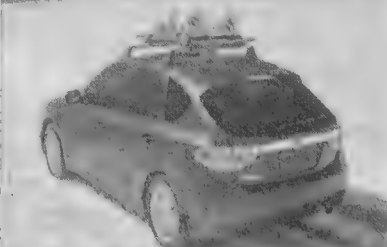
Jean Stilwell and Patti Loach - Saturday, November 8

Last but not least are Jean Stilwell and Patti Loach, better known as "Carmen Unzipped," capping off the festivities on Saturday, November 8. The show this dynamic duo puts on is focused around the happenings in Stilwell's own life while she performed in the opera show Carmen. Though the show is portrayed around an operatic setting, their music is said to be far from that. Her good friend, Loach, will take on the musical side of things with her direction. Together, the two have sold-out shows months in advance in Toronto and have received four stars from CBC's Rick Phillips for their CD of Carmen Unzipped.



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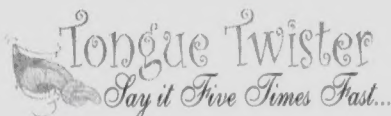
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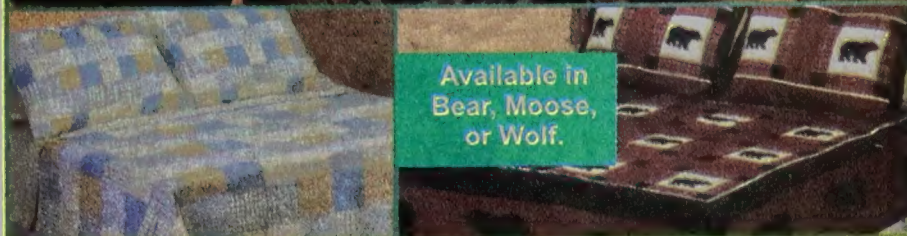
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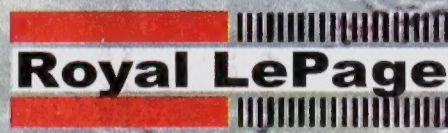
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